

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE  
The University of Oklahoma  
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Special Session ----- March 15, 1971 - 3:30 p.m.

The University Senate was called to order by Dr. Cluff E. Hopla, Chairman.

<u>Present:</u> Babb, Stanley, Jr.	Hilbert, Richard	Parr, Arnold
Bowen, Willis H.	Hopla, Cluff E.	Potter, Emma
Burwell, James	Kendall, J. L.	Shepherd, Gene
Costello, James F.	Lancaster, John H.	Smouse, A.D.
Crim, Sarah	Levy, David	Sokatch, John
Daniels, Ray	Livezey, William	Taylor, K.L.
David, Paul	Love, Tom	Truex, Dorothy
Frueh, Forrest	Marshall, Geoffrey	Weinheimer, A.J.
Gregory, Helen	McNichols, William	Weiss, A. Kurt
Grunder, J. Richard	Norton, Spencer	Zelby, Leon
Hall, Rufus	Nuttall, Edmund	
Harden, Darrell	Parker, Jack E.	
<u>Absent:</u> Abell, Creed	Henderson, George	Snow, James B., Jr.
Deckert, Gordon C.	Johnson, B. Connor	Tolson, Melvin E.
Hansen, Robert	Lynn, Thomas N.	Zahasky, Mary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the regular session on February 22, 1971, was approved.

ACTION BY INTERIM PRESIDENT PETE KYLE McCARTER

University Retirement and Fringe Benefit Committee: On February 26, 1971, Dr. Pete Kyle McCarter, Interim President of The University of Oklahoma, approved the University Senate nominations (Drs. Robert Hansen and Robert R. Wright) to increase faculty representation on the University Retirement and Fringe Benefit Committee. (See page 5 of the University Senate Journal for February 22, 1971.)

University Senate Resolution concerning State Taxation Policies and Programs: On February 26, 1971, Dr. Pete Kyle McCarter, Interim President of The University of Oklahoma, approved the resolution passed by the University Senate and dispatched to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Oklahoma, concerning reform and strengthening of Oklahoma taxation policies and programs. (See pages 8-9 of the University Senate Journal for February 22, 1971.)

ACTION BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

On February 26, 1971, Dr. Cluff E. Hopla, Chairman of the University Senate, transmitted copies of the above-mentioned Senate resolution to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Oklahoma. The covering letter read as follows:

"At its regular meeting on February 22, 1971, the University (Faculty) Senate of the University of Oklahoma, approved a resolution urging the Oklahoma Legislature to reform and strengthen the state taxation policies and programs to provide adequate support of education in this state.

"In accordance with the wishes of the University Senate, I am enclosing a copy of the resolution for your information and consideration."

✓ ✓ ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND TENURE

Background Information:

During the 1967-68 academic year, the University Senate considered the topic of academic freedom and tenure. (See pages 3-8 of the Agenda for the University Senate meeting for January 29, 1968; pages 3-6 of the University Senate Journal for February 26, 1968; pages 4-7 of the Journal for April 29, 1968; and pages 7 and 8 of the Journal for May 27, 1968.) The University Senate action in this matter was transmitted to the President of the University on June 6, 1968. Action by President Hollomon was delayed as explained in his letter of June 26, 1968, to the Secretary of the University Senate.

On April 8, 1970, Dr. Pete Kyle McCarter, University Provost, commented at length on the Senate proposal and requested the Senate to refine the proposed regulations. (See pages 4-8 of the University Senate Journal for May 25, 1970.)

The complete (1971) report of the University Senate Committee on Faculty Personnel was published as a 10-page supplement to the Agenda for the University Senate meeting on February 22, 1971. An Errata Sheet and a 6-page Addendum to the Committee report were published on pages 11-17 of the University Senate Journal for February 22, 1971.

Senate Action:

Dr. Paul David, Chairman of the University Senate Committee on Faculty Personnel, called attention to several additional corrections in the published report and also to the differences between the 1968 and 1971 Committee proposals. Dr. Edmund Nuttall moved acceptance of the preface and Section I (Academic Freedom).

With permission of the University Senate Chairman, Dr. William Upthegrove, Dean of the College of Engineering, addressed the University Senate. In his opinion, the entire document emphasizes faculty rights without giving due consideration to faculty responsibilities. Calling attention to pertinent AAUP pronouncements and a recent Carnegie Commission report, he urged that appropriate revisions be made in the proposed regulations.

After further discussion, Dr. Stanley Babb moved that Section I be referred back to the Committee. Inasmuch as the voice vote was indeterminable, the question was put to a vote by show of hands. The Chairman declined to break the 16-16 tie vote, however, and discussion of this question continued.

Subsequently, Dr. Babb moved that the action be reconsidered, with the stipulation that any amendments and comments concerning these proposals be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the University Senate within a week. Voting again by a show of hands the Senate approved the action to recommit Section I to the Senate Committee, with 18 in favor and 15 against the referral.

Dr. Edmund Nuttall then moved that Section II, A (Faculty Tenure) be approved. The ensuing discussion concerned the starting date of the probationary period, incidental teaching, and the granting of tenure to administrators. Subsequently, the Senate approved the motion in a voice vote without dissent.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 5:25 p.m. The Senate will meet twice during April.

The special meeting to consider further the proposed revisions in the University regulations concerning academic freedom and tenure will be held at 3:30 p.m., in Room 165, Student Union Building, on Monday, April 12, 1971.

The Senate will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 26, 1971, at 3:30 p.m. Items for the Agenda for that meeting should reach the Secretary of the University Senate (Box 456, Central Mail Service, Norman Campus) by Wednesday, April 14, 1971.

Anthony S. Lis, Secretary  
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